

Board of Health Professions Full Board Meeting & Retreat

May 5, 2016

10:00 a.m. - Board Room 2

9960 Mayland Dr, Henrico, VA 23233

In Attendance

Barbara Allison-Bryan, MD, Board of Medicine
Robert J. Catron, Citizen Member
Helene D. Clayton-Jeter, OD, Board of Optometry
Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP, Board of Counseling
James D. Watkins, DDS, Board of Dentistry
Allen R. Jones, Jr., DPT, PT
Robert H. Logan, III, Ph.D., Citizen Member
Martha S. Perry, MS, Citizen Member
Laura P. Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP, Board of Audiology & Speech-Language
J. Paul Welch, II, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers
James Wells, RPH, Citizen Member
Jacquelyn M. Tyler, RN, Citizen Member
Trula E. Minton, MS, RN, Board of Nursing

Absent

Ryan Logan, Board of Pharmacy
Yvonne Haynes, LCSW, Board of Social Work
Mark Johnson, DVM

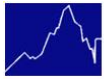
DHP Staff

David E. Brown, D.C., Director DHP
Lisa R. Hahn, MPA, Chief Deputy Director DHP
Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director BHP
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst DHP
Yetty Shobo, Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director BHP
Sandy Reen, Executive Director Board of Dentistry
Leslie Knachel, Executive Director Boards of Optometry, Audiology and
Speech-Language Pathology, Veterinary Medicine
Diane Powers, Director of Communications DHP
Matt Treacy, Communications Associate DHP

Attorney General Rep Charis Mitchell

Emergency Egress Dr. Carter

Observers Bruce Keen signed-in; two others did not.



Call to Order

Acting Chair Mr. Catron **Time** 10:00 a.m.
Quorum Established

Public Comment

Comment item: Bruce Keeney commented in favor of BHP's review of examining Chiropractors' competence to conduct physical examination of commercial driver's licensure and learner's permit applicants. He offered to provide Dr. Carter and the board extensive documentation and will welcome working with BHP.

Approval of Minutes

Presenter Mr. Catron

Discussion

The February 11, 2016 10:00 a.m. Full Board meeting minutes were approved and properly seconded. All members in favor, none opposed.

Directors Report

Presenter Dr. Brown

Discussion

Dr. Brown discussed emerging issues in DHP's arena including a meeting by state taskforce involved in heroin and drug abuse prevention. Also, he noted that CDC is reviewing guidelines on opioid prescription for pain management. He shared that new legislation will mandate pharmacists and other dispensers to report prescribed opioids within 24 hours. Further, physicians who prescribe opioids for more than 14 days must check PMP. Investigations can be made for outliers. Board of Pharmacy and Board of Medicine are currently reviewing criteria to use to identify outliers. Other plans include education and awareness efforts. One will result in a website (VAways.com) to be launched July 1, 2016. This resource website will result from collaboration among several state agencies within the Health and Human Resources secretariat, including DHP. The Board of Medicine is providing funding for this project.

Legislative and Regulatory Report

Presenter Ms. Yeatts

Discussion

Ms. Yeatts presented two documents; one including a list of emergency regulations, emergency regulatory actions, regulatory actions by APA, and non-regulatory actions related to DHP from the 2016



General Assembly and the other document included Board by Board status on regulatory actions from past legislative sessions. One exempt regulatory action under the purview of BHP was HB574 which had to do with changes in specifications of who can be considered as a dietician or nutritionist.

Communications Report

Presenter Ms. Powers and Mr. Treacy

Key to fulfilling DHP's mission is providing information to the public. Increasingly, this includes leveraging digital capabilities and developing media relations. The team presented information on new digital promotion and projects including a video highlighting the DHP Healthcare Workforce Data Center. The team is eager to work with BHP's Education Committee on recommendations for additional products.

Executive Directors Report

Presenter Dr. Carter

Agency Performance

Dr. Carter reviewed the agencies performance measures in relation to clearance rate, age of pending caseload and time to disposition. Dr. Carter noted that an internal staff committee had been formed to explore potential causes for a recent drop in meeting the time to disposition 90 day goal. An update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Healthcare Workforce Data Center

Dr. Carter presented an overview of the Department's Healthcare Workforce Data Center. She discussed current and future projects including survey going out to Funeral Service Providers and formal membership in the Virginia Longitudinal Data System. Future projects include updating Virginia Careforce data on Tumblr site. Board members raised the need to consider ways to gather data on interns and apprenticeships formally, frequency of profession surveys, and other health professional groups to consider surveying. Dr. Carter indicated that DHP resources leverage existing licensure application and renewal processes to establish and maintain a standard census of licensed healthcare practitioners. Broader pipeline issues are addressed through the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority in conjunction with Area Health Education Centers.

Dr. Carter noted that healthcare workforce research still remains in its infancy. There are few studies, and they are ad hoc, with inconsistent methodologies making it difficult to compare over time even within the same profession. The U.S. Health and Human Services Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) advocates for a standard minimum data set collection approach and has funded some efforts by national-level profession-specific organizations. Problems with relatively low response rates and lack focus on the workforce in individual states and regions within states. DHP will be presenting at the September 2016 annual meeting of the Council on Licensure and Regulation on HWDC's approach and the need for states' licensing boards to consider replicating the minimum data set approach adopted in Virginia in order to improve response rates and make possible a standard census of healthcare workforce that could provide a key reference for the individual states and enable direct comparisons across states.



Sanction Reference Article

An article titled "Implementing a Sanctioning Reference System for the Virginia Board of Nursing" written by Dr. Carter and Neal Kauder has been submitted and published by the *Journal of Nursing Regulation*.

Telehealth Review

Dr. Carter discussed the comments received from the Directors of the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Optometry, Audiology, Speech and Language Pathology, and Veterinary Medicine, on the Telehealth report submitted by Andrew Feagans and Andrea Peeks. Members discussed how to present the report on the agency's website. The DHP logo needs to be removed from the report. Dr. Jones made a motion to include a cover letter that provides a framing overview of the report, its purpose, and source and directs readers to an addendum containing comments from Executive Directors of the various boards. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Watkins. All members were in favor, none opposed.

2016 Workplan

Dr. Carter presented the 2016 workplan.

Chiropractic Commercial Truck Driver Physicals Review

Presenter Dr. Carter

Dr. Carter presented plans for the review and asked for at least two more Board members to join the Regulatory Research Committee.

Board Reports

Presenter Mr. Catron

No reports were offered at this time.

New Business

Presenter Mr. Catron

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjourned

Adjourned 11:40 a.m.



Retreat

Presenter Dr. Carter

The main purpose of the afternoon session was to do administrative “housekeeping” for BHP relating to regulations, guidance documents, and bylaws and to provide recommendations for topic area focus going forward.

Chapter 90 of the 2016 Acts of the Assembly, HB574, will amend §54.1-2731 of the *Code of Virginia* regarding Dietitian and Nutritionist title protection to preclude the need for Board of Health Professions regulations. By acclamation, the Board recommended rescinding these existing “Regulations Governing Standards for Dietitians and Nutritionists” (§18VAC75-30-10) once the new law becomes effective July 1, 2016.

Dr. Carter discussed the Board’s existing Guidance Documents and By-Laws and requested feedback on any need for amendment. The members agreed to review and discuss suggestions at the next meeting.

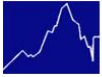
Mr. Catron reported the need to fill certain committee seats. Dr. Clayton-Jeter volunteered to be the Chair of the Education Committee and Dr. Allison Bryan agreed to be a member. Dr Jones volunteered to chair the Enforcement Committee with Dr. Watkins, Mr. Wells, Dr. Doyle, Ms. Minton, and Ms. Verdun joining as members. Ms. Perry, Ms. Tyler, and Mr. Welch volunteered to be on the Regulatory Research Committee. Absent members are requested to contact Mr. Catron to indicate which committee they would like to join. An issue of concern is the potential impact of member turnover on the Committees. When asked whether committees could meet electronically, Board Counsel Ms. Mitchell office reminded that such meetings are possible but must ensure public accessibility from all locations.

Regarding future focus, the Board recommended updates to board member orientation and onboarding to incorporate Education Committee recommendations. Also recommended was that the respective boards communicate the importance of the HWDC survey data they provide.

It is understood that the current online HWDC surveys are incorporated into the licensure renewal process and cannot retain previous responses. Results are downloaded with each renewal and maintained separately. However, in to help reduce the burden of completing the full survey each time, it was recommended that technical options be explored that will allow the option for update rather than total completion each time.

The Board also recommended the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority be consulted regarding a means to measure Virginia’s pipeline of future healthcare providers.

The Board encouraged reporting on telehealth-related activities by each board as well as sharing insights about emerging team approaches in primary care.



Adjourned

1:40pm.

Acting Chair

Robert Catron

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

**Board Executive
Director**

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____